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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 11, 2004, please consider the following.

A request for a one-month extension of time and the fee therefor is included herewith. Please provide any additional extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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